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MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Macao, September 7.

Wonders will never cease! The Government has just put our nerves to a most crucial test by coolly doubling \$132,000 for the Opium Farm. The second bidding came off yesterday afternoon and in spite of an unexpected advance of \$400 from the same 'big Ming' Sun syndicate, whose last tender was \$131,600, our self-willed wisecracks would not budge an inch from their upset price of \$130,000. A serious blunder has been committed, to say the least of it! To add to the piquancy of the situation it would appear that the first hitch in the harbour works, has cropped up earlier than we expected. The gentlemen who were commissioned to contract for a dredger at Shanghai secured the refusal of a machine for \$50,000, and Sr. Faria de Maia ran down here to interview the governor thereabout. The latter very complacently referred him to the Inspector of the Exchequer for the required funds, only to meet with the cheering announcement that such a call on the resources of the Colony would involve the alternative of the civil servants doing without their pay, as there would then not be a shot left in the locker. Mean while Damo Grundy is growing temerarious. It is hardly three months since Sr. Ribeiro d'Almeida was transferred on promotion to the post of Inspector of Revenues at Timor, yet we had the 'pleasure' last week of greeting Sr. Jose P. Chrysothomo, the latest nominee to the said berth, who is leaving by the first boat. The government is none too well off to afford all these globe-trotting tours and these periodic trips to Shanghai, Japan and elsewhere. Let alone the hundred and one petty items incident on these rambles. To go no further, all this hocus pocus with the Colony's dwindling revenues is infantile. Now the dredger we have here is being got to work in such a slipshod manner that it gives one the impression that possession alone accounts for its desultory activity. Why not get a half dozen haggard barges? Would they not prove of greater service?

Inland transmission of letters has been established between the local Post Office and the mainland and its dependencies. We are grieved to hear that, owing to stress of work, Consul General Cinatti, the assistant delimitation envoy, has been ordered a complete rest from toil and worry. If his enforced inactivity is to last, we would strongly recommend a temporary substitute in Dr. Silva Mendes of Macao.

Mr. E. Senhor Roçadas is shifting with his household to the summer residence at Flora on or about the 15th instant, as the new Governor, Captain Eduardo Marques, is expected to arrive by the latter date. Sr. Roçadas is probably quitting Macao by the 18th inst.

The Chinese gumbat moored off Chinese was still visible in the office on Sunday evening. A couple of days ago a vessel very much like a British torpedo-destroyer was seen darting hither and thither across the waters to the East of the peninsula. It is high time some one did try and find out what China is driving at.

Thanks to the courtesy which the Bishop of Macao graciously extended to Mr. Mar-astro A. Gomes, of the Green Island Cement Co., here, the private chapel of His Lordship was on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock the uncommon scene of a pretty little wedding when the eldest son of the above gentleman, Mr. Mac. A. Gomes, of Messrs Shewan, Tomes & Co., Hongkong, was married to Miss Maria Bernadette Vidal, of Macao. Messrs P. F. O. Prata, of Hongkong, and A. Vidal, of Macao, stood as best men to the contracting parties respectively. The nuptial knot was tied by the Reverend Father Sarmiento, Secretary to the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Canon Arrais, and Divine Mass was solemnized following the happy event. The newly wedded couple received their friends and acquaintances to the ceremony at the residence of Mr. Gomes Senior, and were heartily toasted with 'gold' flowers, sweetmeats and sparkling wine galore. They left the same afternoon for Hongkong.

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3 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Hotel Co.,

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MONDAY, September 13.—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's

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MONDAY, September 14.—

9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cricket

League at Hongkong Cricket Club.

THURSDAY, September 23.—

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St.

Andrew's Society at City Hall.

THURSDAY, September 30.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Lease-

hold Land at Shapen, Canton.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8, 1909.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

A HUNDRED years hence a student

diving amid the dusty records of

what is now the modern history of Far

Cathay will assuredly find ample reason

for passing some complimentary remarks

concerning the phenomenal rise in less

than sixty years of two rather insignifi-

cant emporia from positions of some-

what squalid obscurity into the proud

bearing of cities of magnificent propor-

tions—the one being Shanghai, the other

Hongkong. But a hundred years from

now will either place still be in

existence, or if so, of any particular

commercial importance? It is an in-

teresting speculation, though perhaps

hardly a profitable one from the point

of view of the man who bases his

mental processes on the rule that "time

is money" and abstract reasoning sheer

wastefulness of effort. All the same the

problem attracts. Like Tyre and

Sidon of old, both Hongkong and Shang-

hai are purely commercial cities, de-

pendent entirely upon trade and com-

merce for their existence, and like Tyre

and Sidon they wax or wane according

as they fulfil or fail to satisfy the

requirements of the merchantmen. To

many a man at the present moment, we

seem to have arrived at a point in the

history of both places where it would

be highly probable to pause for a few

moments to take a review of the position.

The times are changing rapidly, the old

trade customs are being forsaken in

great measure in favour of more mo-

dern methods, and many of the old grooves

of the past are being abandoned.

are being wholly abandoned owing to the insistent demands of fresh development. For many decades Hongkong flourished by reason of its superior geographical position and held itself proudly as the great distributing centre in southern China. The port did a huge transportation business, not only to Canton and up and down the coast, but with the Yangtze ports and the Philippines. But gradually this business has passed away, ocean-going ships carrying the cargoes once transhipped here direct from the port of loading to port of discharge. A big business is still done, as the Harbour Master's records show, but it is along different lines to those prevailing a decade ago, while the profits are dwindling all the time. On the list of Hongkong's troubles we have to place next the perpetual fall in exchange, making the cost of imported goods higher and higher for Chinese buyers; the vexatious restrictions which have gradually led the Chinese to drop transactions in landed property; while we must not neglect to include in the bill a reference to our depreciated subsidiary coinage, which has within the short space of one year put an extra seven per cent on the cost of all commodities needed in the household; and as a crowning outrage, a Government which positively refuses to do anything to help remove so glaring a public injustice. Altogether, what with a falling revenue, restricted trade and few new possibilities opening out ahead the outlook as present is not cheering. The slow growth of anything like local industries is a great disappointment in view of what other places are doing, while the extra blow to our shipping trade which the new American tariff has contrived, together with the seeming impossibility of silver ever recovering its proper value, causes even the most optimistic to feel that the times are sadly out of joint and demanding more drastic remedies to set them right than our rulers at present approve of. It is, we hope, only a temporary phase, but at the moment, men are far from cheerful at the prospects immediately confronting Hongkong.

Now Shanghai also has many troubles to contend with. Apart from the very flimsy foundation upon which the tenure of the land on which it is built and its form of local government is based—surely its Land Regulations are the most anomalous state documents ever drawn up to serve the purposes of a mighty city-republic?—it suffers like Hongkong from "the constant gamble in exchange," and the steady development of Hankow and the Northern Ports, Mr. Commissioner Hoison, in his latest trade report, declares that the steady extension of direct commercial relations with foreign countries of these smaller ports "is much affecting Shanghai's position as a distributing trade centre. Besides the many causes, which during the year 1908, have influenced the trade of this port, the curtailment of its former monopoly as an emporium is an important factor to be considered for the future." But for all that he sees many signs of encouragement, principally in the railway connections now made with Soochow and Nanking, which open up endless possibilities in the way of trade and commerce. Besides, says Mr. Hoison, "Shanghai is becoming more and more attractive to foreigners and Chinese alike; with the continual embellishment of its streets, avenues, and environs, the erection of imposing buildings, and the lying out of public gardens. It is not at present unusual to see Chinese banking establishments located in foreign-style houses. Such constructions as the newly-built Garden Bridge greatly contribute to ornament the city-like appearance which the port is rapidly assuming. To the list of the already numerous local industries are to be added three steam silk filatures, which began work during the year, styled the Tai Ching, the Ts Ching and the Yun Lung.

If has always been a marked characteristic of Shanghai that all those who come within the shadow of its influence glow with conscious pride concerning it. The turbid tidal river on which it at present stands may be entirely silt up, leaving it stranded so far as deep-water ships are concerned, but this does not disturb the equanimity of its residents. By that time, they say, it will be independent of the shipping, doing all its business by rail instead, and so according to the singers of its praises it will but wax from more to more. Shanghai sees no reason to doubt its future, and entertains none of the forebodings so prevalent for the moment in Hongkong. It is developing its local industries as fast as possible, thereby providing for the risks and hazards of the unknown. But all the same it would be well to remember that with a regenerated China there will come a demand for the surrender of its present extra-territorial privileges, and what that will mean in relation to the prosperity of the place, time will show. Altogether the problems lying before Hongkong and Shanghai are as interesting as they are divergent, certainly they seem pregnant with great issues.

The attempted robbery of Messrs. Mappin and Webb's premises was the most sensational in London for many years. The pockets of the burglars were stuffed with jewels valued at £30,000 or £40,000. The police showed remarkable despatch, and it is stated that every gem has been recovered.

The Hongkong Agent of the C. P. R. has received a wireless message from the R. M. S. Empress of India, through the Yokohama Office, advising that the ship may be expected at Yokohama on the morning of the 9th instant. The Captain reports having experienced heavy weather in crossing, which accounts for the slightly delayed arrival.

The death of the chief stoker of H. M. S. Pioneer, now in Colombo Harbour, took place between Thursday Island and Batavia. When the deceased was seriously ill, the Pioneer communicated with the Psyche by wireless telegraphy. The latter vessel, which was then at a distance of 200 miles from the former, went back and the two surgeons held a consultation. Death was due to natural causes.

Bandmann's Merry Little Miss Company staged "The Gay Gordons" at the Theatre Royal last night. Again they scored a big success, the leading artistes doing particularly meritorious work. The humour introduced was neat and to the point, while the Highland dances were also greatly appreciated. To-night the Company will give their farewell performance, when, by popular request, "The Merry Widow" is to be produced, and not "The Mikado," as previously arranged.

It is stated that in anticipation of the development of American trade with China, Los Angeles was, at a special election on August 4, to annex the ports of San Pedro and Wilmington. Ten million dollars will be spent in construction of commercial docks to supplement (or over-see) trade purposes the railway terminal facilities already existing at the latter. The policy has been given impetus by the fact administration's insistence upon American participation in the Chinese railway loan and the government's disposition to aid every legitimate commercial venture in the vast trade of the Chinese empire.

The Board of Trade have been so pressed by the Labour representatives on the accommodation to be provided at the new Labour Exchanges that the sums appropriated by the Treasury this year for renting and erecting buildings are now deemed to be totally inadequate. The Labour leaders want Exchanges which will not leave the unemployed in the same hopeless condition as they are in to-day, and which shall, as at the Bourse du Travail of Paris, and the Maison du Peuple of Brussels, offer the trade unions rooms for their headquarters at a reasonable rent, besides providing counselling-rooms and a central hall for large gatherings. In addition, a kind of restaurant is also asked for, it is quite easy to see that the couple of hundred thousand pounds set aside by the Treasury will not go far. It is a rule of the Treasury that money shall not be spent in any year in excess of the amount Budgeted for, as it has to be repaid out of which the Treasury has to keep a reserve for one. Exchanges are to cost from £10,000 to £20,000, there will be very few built in any one year.

An extraordinary crisis has arisen in League football circles at Home owing to the Football Association withdrawing recognition from a union which was endeavouring to obtain a right for players to appeal to the ordinary law courts on questions of compensation. Several players have been suspended, with the resulting postponement of League fixtures.

The syndicate of European exporting firms at Saigon recently established to safeguard their mutual interests in dealings with Chinese traders has begun none too soon. The Courier Saigonien of August 30, notes a sensational Chinese failure in this quarter, with liabilities to European firms amounting to about one million and a quarter of dollars. Almost all the exporting firms there were hit. Liabilities to Chinese firms were also huge. The journal remarks that the time has indeed come for European exporters to combine to safeguard their interests.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. H. Arncliffe, James, headmaster of Rugby School since 1888, was elected on 28th July to the mastership of St. John's College, Oxford.

At the invitation of King Edward, Sir John Fisher went to Marienbad on August 18, and it is announced that he has been appointed K. C. V. O. in recognition of his services in connection with the recent Somaliland mission.

It is reported from Ottawa that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada, has been invited by the Imperial Government to be Governor-General of United South Africa. The Canadian authorities regard his acceptance as impossible.

Mr. A. A. de Jesus, of the Siamese diplomatic service, lately of Paris, was married at Bangkok, on August 25, to Miss Y. M. Xavier, the eldest daughter of His Excellency, Phya Phiyat Kosa, under-secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Jesus, with his bride, will shortly proceed to Tokyo where he will take up his new appointment as secretary of the Siamese Legation there.

General Botha, who was absent from the late Imperial Defence Conference on account of illness, has been examined by Dr. Bertrand Dawson, the King's physician, who ordered him to take a thorough and prolonged rest cure at Rixington. The Transvaal Prime Minister, accompanied by Mrs. Botha and Dr. Botha, his private secretary, left London, says Reuter, at the end of July.

Capt. M. L. Talbot, Commissioner of Police in the Federated Malay States who was recently invalided home for gastritis, has died in England, aged 46. Joining the army in 1888 as Lieutenant in the 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers, he transferred to the Bombay Staff Corps and reached Malaya in 1889 as acting Commissioner of the 1st Penang Sikhs. He saw service and was badly wounded during the Falmouth disturbances of 1894. Capt. Talbot married the second daughter of Sir Cecil Clement Smith. He was a sterling good officer and a keen cricketer.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

At "Tandragee," the Peak, on Tuesday afternoon a missionary meeting was held when there was a very good attendance under the presidency of Bishop Lander. Addresses were delivered by Miss L. Bryer and Miss H. R. Road, of the O. I. M. S., who related their experiences in the Fukien province. The speakers appealed for funds for the erection of a school and liberal responses were forthcoming.

DEATH OF MR. L. M. XAVIER.

Mr. Luis Maria Xavier, proprietor of the Eastern Printing Press, passed peacefully away at his residence in Punjab Terrace, Kowloon, on Tuesday morning at the age of 54. Quite recently deceased, lost his brother, to be followed only two months ago by his wife, and these bereavements no doubt accelerated his end. In 1896 he was manager of the Pookoon Herald and Printing Press, subsequently joining Messrs. Nibonha and Co., as foreman of the jobbing department, starting on his own account in 1904. The funeral took place last evening and was well attended.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For overcrowding his cattle in a shed at Tung Lo Wan a native was fined \$20 at the Magistracy to-day.

The native who was alleged to have broken into a Japanese store at West Point and stolen therefrom goods to the value of \$398, which were subsequently recovered at Macao, has been committed for trial.

Kwong Cheung sued So Li Lung, before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Supreme Court to-day, to recover \$395.22, goods sold and delivered; Chiu Yat Kai, \$813.68, money paid and received; Kwong Wo firm, \$805.81, goods sold and delivered; Sang Lung firm and Chiu Yat Kai, \$162.24, goods sold and delivered. His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff.

The proprietor of the Kwong Tung Chinese Hotel at West Point was charged, before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy to-day, with allowing a game of chance to be played on the licensed premises. It was stated that the game was being played with ordinary English cards. Defendant said the men were simply playing a Chinese game named "paikau" but the police evidence was to the effect that poker was the game played. His Worship said it was immaterial what the game was; it was evidently a game of chance. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

An extraordinary crisis has arisen in League football circles at Home owing to the Football Association withdrawing recognition from a union which was endeavouring to obtain a right for players to appeal to the ordinary law courts on questions of compensation. Several players have been suspended, with the resulting postponement of League fixtures.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

A DEMONSTRATION OF GOODWILL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 7.
Extensive official preparations are being made for the reception of Prince and Princess Kuni in the United States, the idea being to demonstrate the goodwill of the Government towards Japan.

THE NORTH POLE.

DR COOK'S AND COMMANDER PEARY'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

A Year's Difference.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 7.
Commander Peary has telegraphed to the New York Times that he reached the Pole on April 6th.
He arrives at Chiten Bay to-day and will telegraph from there a full account.
The newspapers publish columns in reference to Peary's expedition, which is in notable contrast to the reserve with which Dr Cook's announcement was received.
There is unquestioning acceptance of Peary's report.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, September 7.
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PEARY CLAIMS TO BE FIRST MAN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 8.

Reuter's agent telegraphing from St. John's, Newfoundland, says, that Commander Peary claims to be the first man to reach the North Pole.

[Note.—Dr Cook, according to his story reached the Pole on April 21st 1908. Telegrams reaching the Singapore papers imply that Dr Cook covered 433 miles in 35 days—a very remarkable speed in the light of the experiences of his predecessors. Dr. Cook explains that on entering the last stages he made long marches. He made good progress, with occasional rests in snow houses. He lived on dried beef, tallow, and butter. He discovered a new land westwards on March 30, 1908. After reaching the Pole, Dr. Cook turned back on April 23 and began his long return journey. Frost in September stopped his progress, and he lived in an underground den until sunrise in 1909 when he proceeded to Greenland.—En. C.M.]

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

WILL IMPORT DUES BE INCREASED?

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, September 8.

The Times pays tribute to the judgment and courage of the Prince Regent and the ability displayed by H.E. Mr. Hsin and H.E. Liang Tun-yen in effecting an amicable settlement of the questions between the two Powers. It trusts that the way is now prepared for a practical solution of the question of railway competition by co-operation in construction. It thinks the Powers will not object to an increase in the import duties if they receive an assurance that the increases will be applied intelligently and honestly.

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to	Hongkong	from Colombo to	Marseilles (Brindisi)	Portsmouth (London)
Steamer	1000	Steamer	1000	Friday
ARADIA	Feb. 5	MANTUA	March 5	March 11
ARADIA	Feb. 19	OHIVA	March 19	March 25
DELTA	March 5	MALWA	April 5	April 8
MAEDONIA	March 19	(Through steamer)	April 19	April 22
DELTA	April 5	(Calling at Bombay)	April 30	May 6
ARADIA	April 19	MONGOLIA	May 14	May 20
DELTA	May 5	MOBIA	May 28	June 3
DELTA	May 19	MOOLTAN	June 12	June 18

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for East-India transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.

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SUNDA	March 7	April 23
MALTA	March 21	May 6
SARINIA	April 4	May 20
NORE	May 18	June 3

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STEAMER	FROM	EXEMPTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILATWAP	JAPAN	First half of Sept.	JAVA	First half of Sept.
TJIMAH	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	Do.	JAVA	Do.
TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of Sept.	JAPAN	Second half of Sept.
TJIFANAS	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.
TJIBODAS	JAVA	First half of Oct.	JAPAN	First half of Oct.

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CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

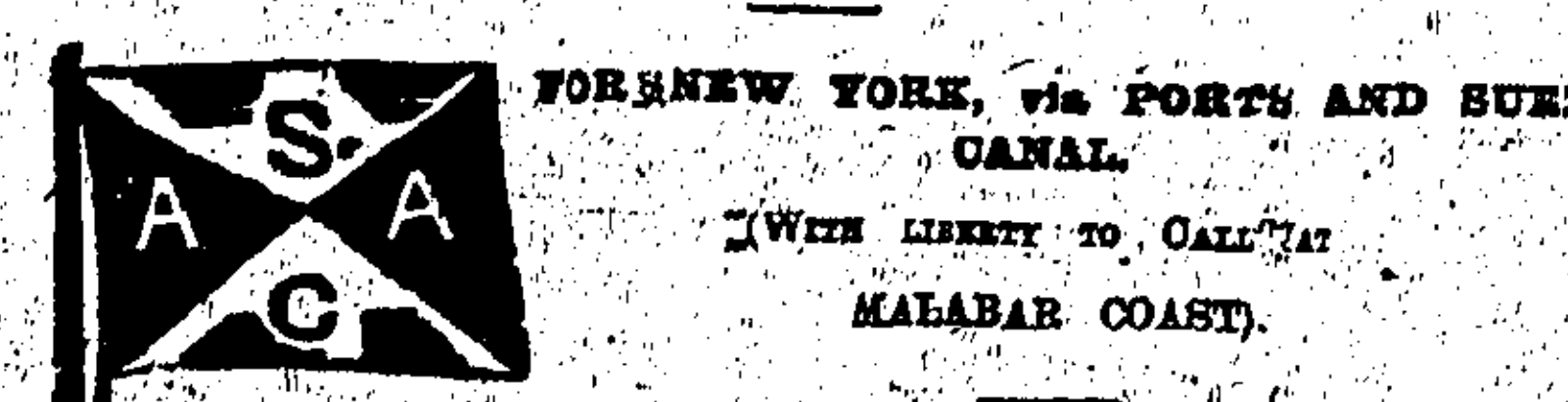
Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
LATRO	2540	R. Rodgers	Manila	Friday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m.
RUBI	2540	W. S. Almond	Manila	Saturday, Sept. 12, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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FOR NEW YORK, via PORTS AND SUBS CANAL.

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S.S. INDRAPURA.....17th September, 1909.

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Hongkong, August 25, 1909. 1073

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 16, 1909. 1030

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SWATOW. TUESDAY, 14th

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General Managers.

Hongkong, November 17, 1908. 106

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

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STEAMERS

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Hongkong, November 9, 1908. 1497

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Hongkong, September 7, 1909. 1141

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

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Hongkong, April 14, 1909. 517

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

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FLINTSHIRE, Captain G. C. Curry, will be despatched as above on or about 27th September.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

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Hongkong, September 4, 1909. 1127

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Co's Steamship Glenorchy, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co's, hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted, marked by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 8th inst., at 3 p.m. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 9.30 a.m. on 8th inst.

No claims will be admitted after delivery of the goods have been effected by Consignees, and same must be presented within ten days of steamer's arrival here, otherwise they will not be recognized.

For Freight and Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, September 3, 1909. 1115

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM PORTLAND AND JAPAN PORTS.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship BENRIK ISEKI.

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after FRIDAY, September 3rd, 1909, at Noon, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All cargo undelivered on TUESDAY, September 7th, 1909, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All damaged and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godown on MONDAY, September 6th, 1909, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE,

Agent.

Hongkong, September 4, 1909. 1123

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER ASSAYE.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO by the above named vessel are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co's, hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted on Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo

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Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 3, 1909. 1113

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Arrive—	Changchun	6 p.m.	"	"	"
Leave—	Mukden	2 p.m.	"	"	"
Arrive—	Shanghai	2.10 a.m.	Wednesday	Fri.	Sun
Leave—	Dairen	2.30 a.m.	"	"	"
Arrive—	Shanghai	12.30 p.m.	"	"	"
Leave—	Shanghai	afternoon	"	"	"
Arrive—	Shanghai	"	Friday	Sunday	Tuesday

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